

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Art Unit: 1761

Masahito HOASHI et al

Examiner: D. Becker

Appln. No.: 09/000,366

Washington, D.C.

Filed: January 28, 1998

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For: METHOD FOR THAWING FROZEN

MONDAY

GROUND FISH

REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action of October 28, 1998, petition for one month's extension of time and late fee being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 1 and 7 in amended form as follows:

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[meats] meat which comprises [almost uniformly] milling a frozen ground fish meat mass to a substantially uniform particle size, and then thawing it by elevating temperature.

7. (Amended) A process for producing materials for fish paste products which involves the step of [almost uniformly] milling a frozen ground fish meat mass to a he substantially uniform particle size, thawing [it] said milled

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